

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

JANUARY 20, 1859.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

AN ACT

To authorize settlers upon sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections, who settled before the surveys of the public lands, to pre-empt their settlements.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That where settlements, with a view to pre-emption, have
4 been made before the survey of the lands in the field, which
5 shall be found to have been made on sections sixteen or thirty-
6 six, said sections shall be subject to the pre-emption claim of
7 such settlers; and if they, or either of them, shall have been
8 or shall be reserved or pledged for the use of schools or
9 colleges in the State or Territory in which the lands lie, other
10 lands, of like quantity, are hereby appropriated in lieu of such
11 as may be patented by pre-emptors; and other lands are also
12 hereby appropriated to compensate deficiencies for school pur-
13 poses, where said sections sixteen or thirty-six are fractional
14 in quantity, or where one or both are wanting by reason of

15 the township being fractional, or from any natural cause what-
16 ever: *Provided*, That the lands by this section appropriated
17 shall be selected and appropriated in accordance with the
18 principles of adjustment and the provisions of the act of Con-
19 gress of May twentieth, eighteen hundred and twenty-six,
20 entitled "An act to appropriate lands for the support of schools
21 in certain townships and fractional townships not before pro-
22 vided for."

Passed the House of Representatives January 18, 1859.

Attest:

J. C. ALLEN, *Clerk*.